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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Special Activities

SUBJECT: DD/S&T Review of the IDEALIST Budget

1. During the presentation of the IDEALIST budget, Mr. Duckett raised some specific questions about various portions thereof. The questions are listed below together with actions taken by BPD in response thereto.

a. Airframe Sustaining Engineering. Mr. Duckett indicated that reservations were quite probable about the large increase in engineering effort and that we should be prepared to defend the engineering effort in detail to [redacted]

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Answer: [redacted] conferred with LAC on 2 and 3 May in an attempt to get justification for the level of effort proposed by LAC. The answers were not forthcoming. However, the engineering effort was reduced somewhat from the LAC request and a revised request is being submitted.

b. Weapon Systems Test Support. Mr. Duckett indicated concern about the magnitude of this line item in the IDEALIST peculiar section of the budget and suggested that we consider shifting a sizeable sum of that fund into the common category in order that testing solely relative to the IDEALIST program appear at a minimum.

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Answer: We have reduced the total flight testing effort requested and have shifted the majority of the funding into the common category in agreement with USAF representatives.

c. Mr. Duckett asked whether we would want to procure the Day-Night Drift Sight during FY 69 and if so should it be included in our budget.

Answer: Coordination has been effected within OSA. The Operations position is that we will not need Day-Night Drift Sights above the two prototypes which will be delivered by ORD, if and when these are proved satisfactory.

d. When discussing the System 20, it was pointed out that a requirement for roll stabilization has come about as a result of system testing. This may increase the price above the [redacted] estimated. 25X1A1a

Answer: We have attempted to procure a rough order of magnitude for the cost increase without success. A statement has been added to the System 20 line item indicating that an increase was probable and that further information would be provided when available. This will not delay the procurement of the System nor raise problems with the budget in that we will be required to make a separate request for the System 20 when it has proved itself.

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25X1A1a Answer: The cost for 6 [redacted] Systems including [redacted] was [redacted]. Added to this is a computer program requirement of approximately [redacted] per year. This information was telephoned to [redacted] on 30 April for relay to Mr. Duckett. 25X1A9a 25X1A5a2
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f. It was noted that the high altitude relight effort request for [REDACTED] which was submitted last September has been approved for funding with FY 68 money. This approval came subsequent to our submission of the FY 69 budget.

Answer: The FY 69 budget has been revised to reflect an ongoing program rather than an initial request.

g. The subject of [REDACTED] was also discussed. 25X1A2d1 It was decided that if [REDACTED] were to come into existence during FY 69, a line item would be required in the FY 69 budget.

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Answer: [REDACTED] has been included in the FY 69 submission as an addendum.

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